

ANONYMOUS

Witness Name

**GRO-B**

Statement No.: WITN2153001

Exhibits: WITN2153002-007

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**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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**EXHIBIT WITN2153005**

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29th March 1994

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Diagnosis: Von Willebrand's Disease  
Hepatitis C

GRO-B and his parents attended the combined Liver and Haemophilia Clinic again this morning. Further discussions took place about Hepatitis C infection, his mother in particular was keen to find out a little bit more as she had not been present at the last appointment. It was explained that GRO-B would have acquired the virus prior to 1985 and that his mildly elevated liver function tests indicate that he has ongoing mild hepatitis. The possibility of a laparoscopy was discussed in order to discover how severely the liver is inflamed and whether or not there is evidence of cirrhosis. Laparoscopy is not essential and in view of GRO-B's age his parents decided against it. They are, however, quite happy for GRO-B to be treated with Interferon. Interferon is administered by subcutaneous injection three times a week for an initial period of 6 months. About 50% of patients with hepatitis C respond to Interferon as gauged by a reduction in their ALT values. Of that 50%, 25% are assumed cured and the other 25% relapse when treatment is stopped. It is therefore sometimes necessary to continue Interferon for a further period of 6 or 12 months in some patients. Interferon produces "flu like" side effects which last for about 12 hours following an injection, however, after the first 4-6 injections the severity of the side effects is much reduced. It is advisable to have the injection in the evening and to take a couple of Paracetamol tablets at the same time. During treatment with Interferon patients need to attend for regular review including full blood count and liver function tests. Arrangements have been made for GRO-B and his parents to attend on April the 5th so that they can be shown how to administer the Interferon.

Yours/

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